

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously amended) A television comprising:
a connection configured to be operatively coupled to a connection of an other television; and
a processor configured to provide query information requesting information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched on the other television and configured to automatically provide queried information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched at said television in response to a query request from the other television.
2. (Original) The television of Claim 1, wherein said connection is configured to provide said query and queried information to the other television.
3. (Previously Amended) The television of Claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to receive query compliance status information identifying if said television is setup to share queried information with the other television.
4. (Original) The television of Claim 3, wherein said processor is configured to receive identifying information from a user prior to enabling the user to do at least one of set and change query compliance status information.
5. (Original) The television of Claim 3, wherein said processor is configured to provide any queried information to the other television that does not violate the query compliance status of the other television.

6. (Original) The television of Claim 1, wherein said connection is one of an in-home network connection and an Internet connection.

7. (Previously Amended) A communication system comprising a plurality of televisions interconnected together, wherein said televisions are configured to provide query information requesting information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched on at least one other of said plurality of televisions and are configured to automatically provide queried information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched in response to a query request from said others of said plurality of televisions.

8. (Previously Amended) The communication system of Claim 7, wherein each of said plurality of televisions is configured to receive query compliance status information identifying if said each of said plurality of television is setup to share queried information with each other of said plurality of televisions.

9. (Original) The communication system of Claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of televisions is configured to receive identifying information from a user prior to enabling the user to do at least one of set and change query compliance status information.

10. (Original) The communication system of Claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of televisions is configured to provide any queried information to others of said plurality of televisions that does not violate the query compliance status of said others of said plurality of televisions.

11. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of televisions are configured to be interconnected by one of an in-home network connection and an Internet connection.

12. (Previously Amended) A method of providing communications between a plurality of televisions, said method comprising:

a. sending a query request from any of said plurality of televisions to any other of said plurality of televisions requesting information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched, and

b. sending queried information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched from said any other of said plurality of televisions to said any of said plurality of televisions that sent the query request automatically in response to said query request.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, comprising identifying each of said plurality of televisions to each other of said plurality of televisions prior to act a.

14. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein said identifying comprises identifying a query compliance status between each of said plurality of televisions identifying if each of said plurality of television is setup to share queried information with each other of said plurality of televisions.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein said identifying is performed by a mediator that is separate from each of said plurality of televisions.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising confirming a query compliance status of said any of said plurality of televisions that sent the query request prior to performing act b and not sending queried information if said query violates said query compliance status, wherein said query compliance status information identifies if said any other of said televisions is setup to share queried information with said any of said plurality of televisions.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, comprising receiving said query compliance status of said any of said plurality of televisions from a user of said any of said plurality of televisions.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, comprising requesting user identifying information prior to receiving said query compliance status and not altering said query compliance status if altering said query compliance status violates access rights of said user.

19. (Previously Added) A television comprising:
a connection configured to be operatively coupled in a peer-to-peer connection of an other television; and
a processor configured to request information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched on the other television and configured to automatically provide information identifying at least one of content and channel currently watched at said television in response to a query from the other television.

20. (Previously Added) A communication system comprising a plurality of televisions interconnected together in a peer-to-peer connection, wherein said televisions are configured to request information identifying at least one of content and channel currently

watched on at least one other of said plurality of televisions and are configured to automatically identify at least one of content and channel currently watched in response to a query from said others of said plurality of televisions.